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DAMAGE TO CROPS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage to the Samba Paddy Crop, pulses, sugarcane, cotton andbananas by the heavy unseasonal rains in the Cauvery delta in the first week of February, 2002;

(b) the area and number of farmers and farm labourers adversely affected by this natural calamity;

(c) the estimated income/loss per hectare in comparison to the compensation granted by the State Government;

(d) the measures taken by the Union Government to assist the State Government inaugmenting compensation to the affected persons; and

(e) the steps being taken to ensure adequate financial and other resources for the timely planting of the next Kuruvai crop?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): No detailed information in the matter has been received from the State Government. It is primarily the responsibility of the Government of Tamil Nadu to take necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including heavy unseasonal rains. The entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Rs.80.83 crore has beenreleased to the State and funds are available with the State under CRF to incur expenditure as per the norms for relief.